

HEROES

CHAPTER 39

BETTY

Part 1 of 4

High school is about education, but what one learns often goes far beyond academics. With cliques and the desire to fit in, the social pressures can be stressful, sometimes overwhelming. But for those gifted with extraordinary abilities, a little advantage goes a long way...

Betty

Part
1 of 4

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NOT LONG AGO...

I HATE
MY NAME.

I'D LOVE TO
JUST CHANGE IT.
GET A NEW ONE.

I HATE THIS PLACE.
TOO MANY FAKES.

MOST OF THEM
THINK THEY'RE
BETTER THAN ME.

SEEMS LIKE IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN THAT WAY...

...DID YOU SEE
WHAT SHE WAS
WEARING IN CHEM
CLASS? SO LAST
YEAR...!

NO DOUBT.
BUT AT LEAST
SHE'S GOT THE
GHOST OF
FASHION SENSE
PAST...

...AND THERE'S
NO ESCAPE.

HOW 'BOUT THAT NEW
GIRL... WHAT'S HER
NAME...?

BETTY
SOMETHING...

OH, TOTALLY!
Y'KNOW, SHE'S
NOT THAT NEW,
THOUGH. BEEN
HERE SINCE
LAST YEAR...

WHO CARES?!
SHE'S COMPLETELY
DISGUSTING.

HANGS WITH
THE RESIN
CROWD...

WHATEVER...
SHE'S IN SERIOUS
NEED OF DIET AND
EXERCISE.

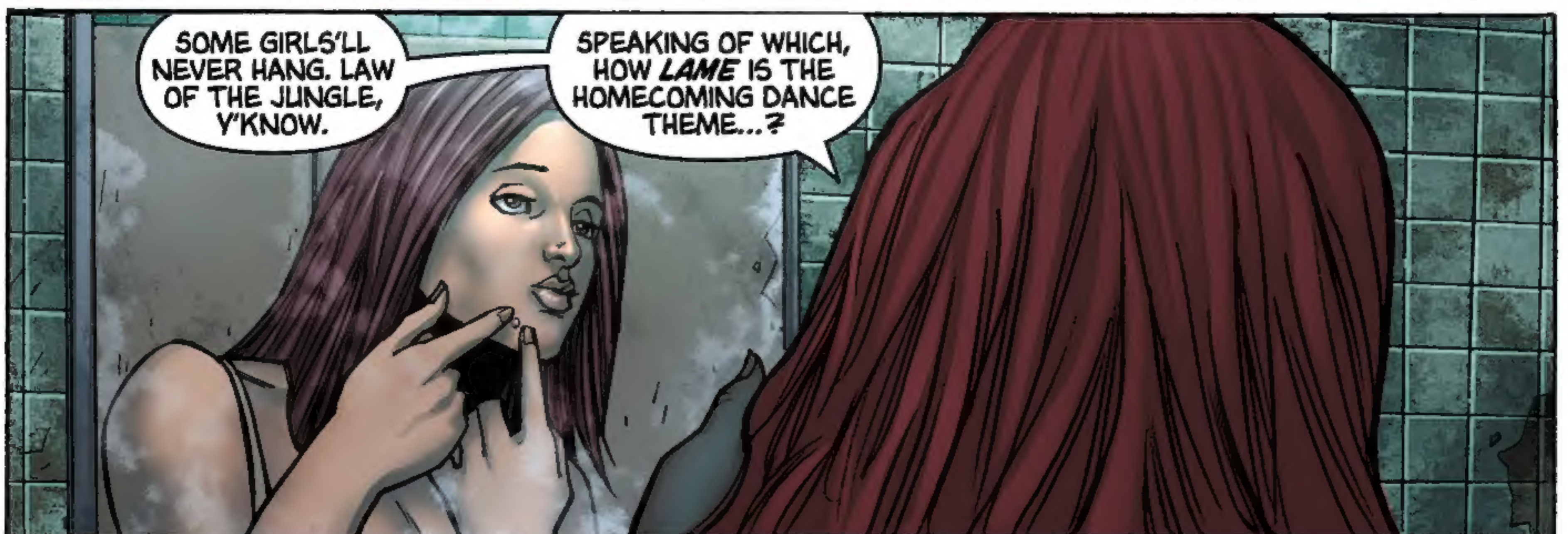
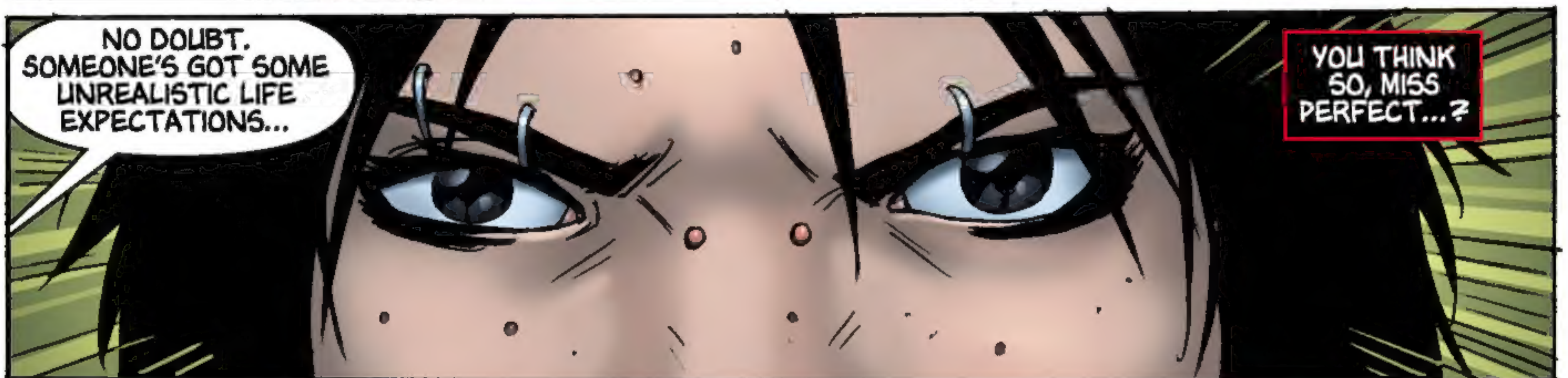
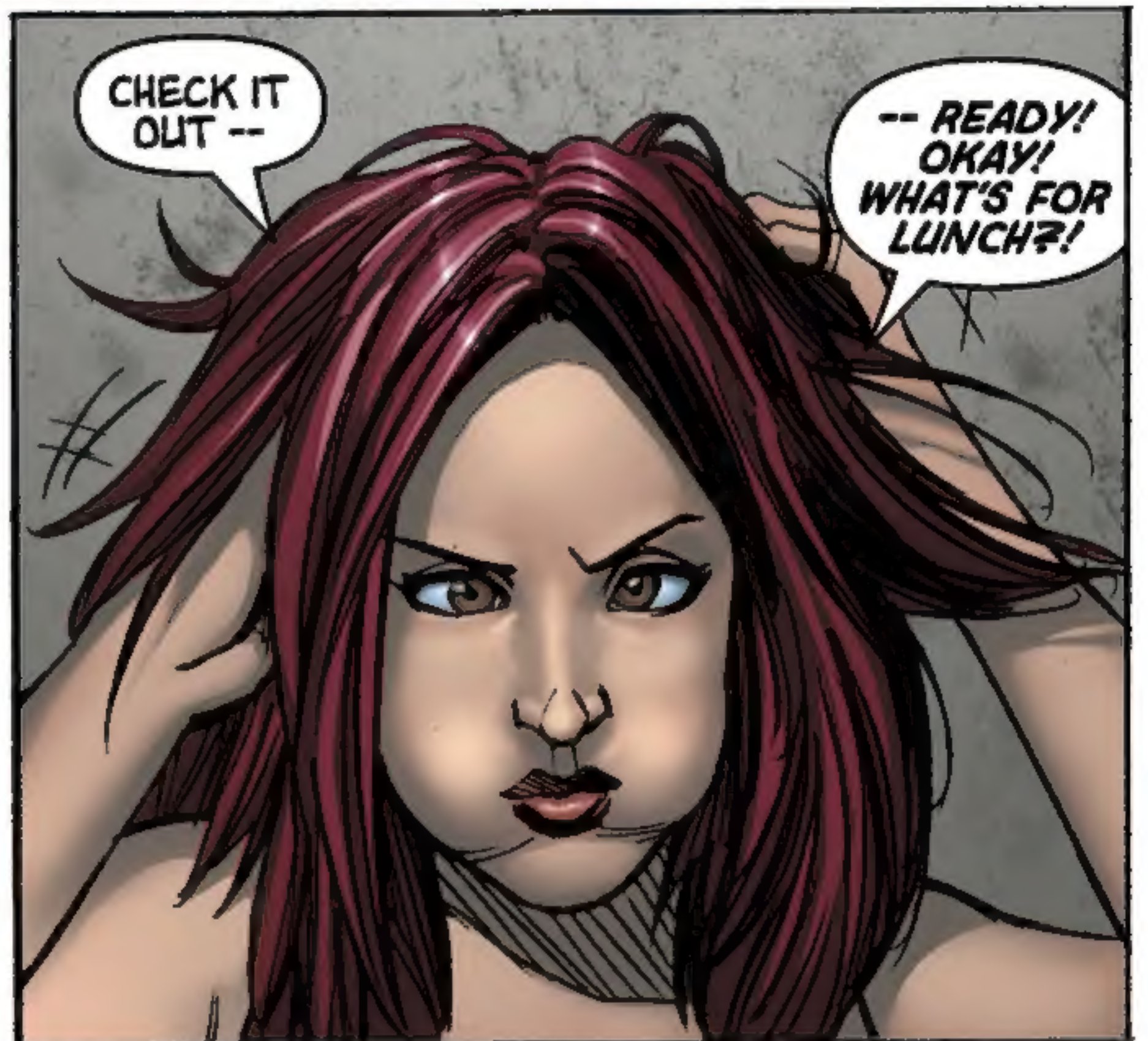
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MAKEOVER
REJECT...

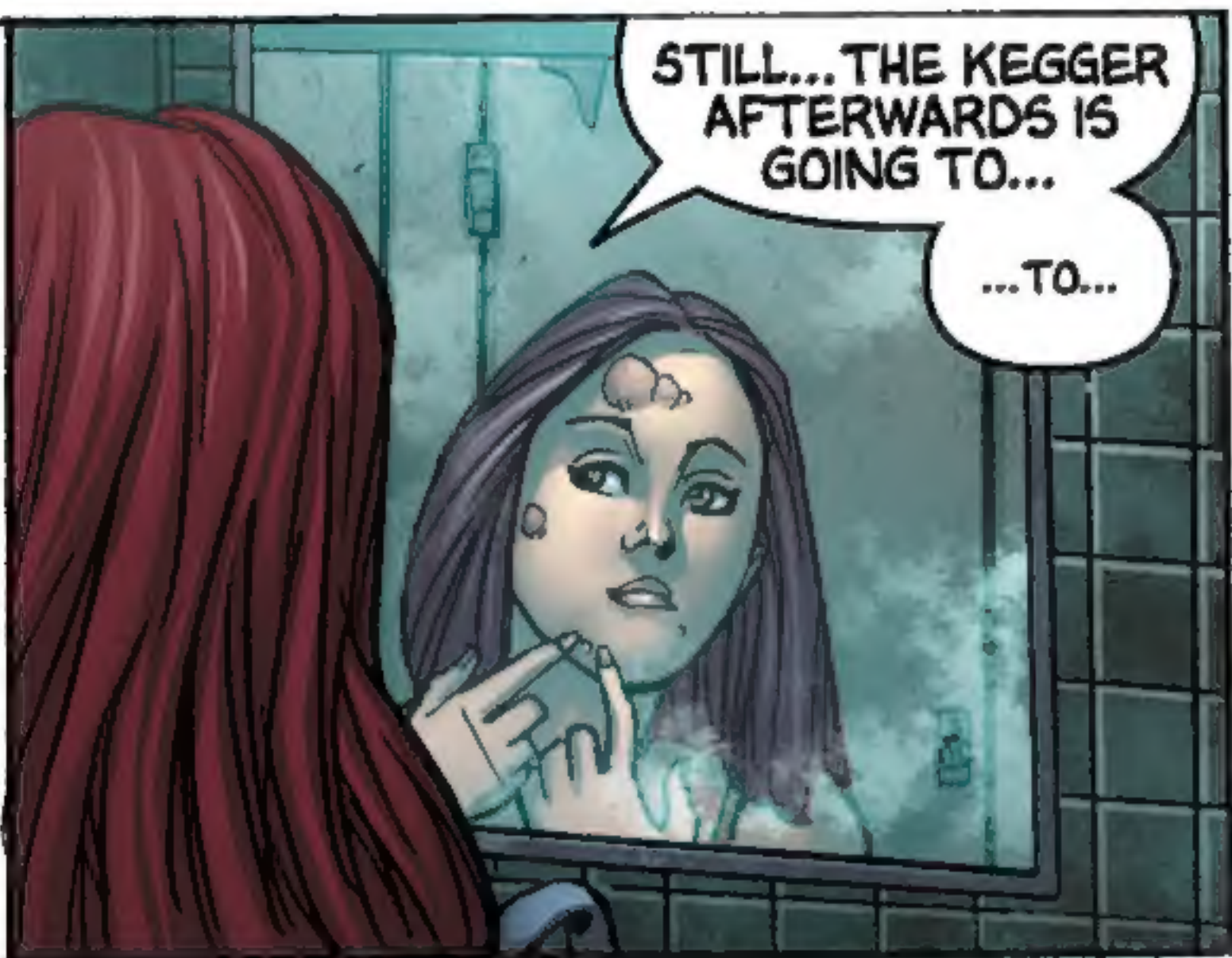
TOTAL
BETTY... THERE'S
THE NEW TERM
FOR LOSER...

...LOSER
OF THE
WORST
KIND...

Mouse
wuz
here

"BETTY". SEE...
THAT'S WHY I
HATE MY NAME.







OH,
GHHAAD--!

SOMEBODY
CALL
SOMEONE --



WAIT,
WAIT, WAIT...
LOOK....

YOUR
FACE...
IT'S...

I'M...
I-I'M
OKAY...?

BUT... I
MEAN... WHAT
JUST...?



HUH. NOT SO PERFECT.
NOT SO UNTOUCHABLE.

ALL I DID
WAS... JUST
IMAGINE
THAT SHE...



OH GOD. DID I... DO THAT?
DID I MAKE THAT HAPPEN...?



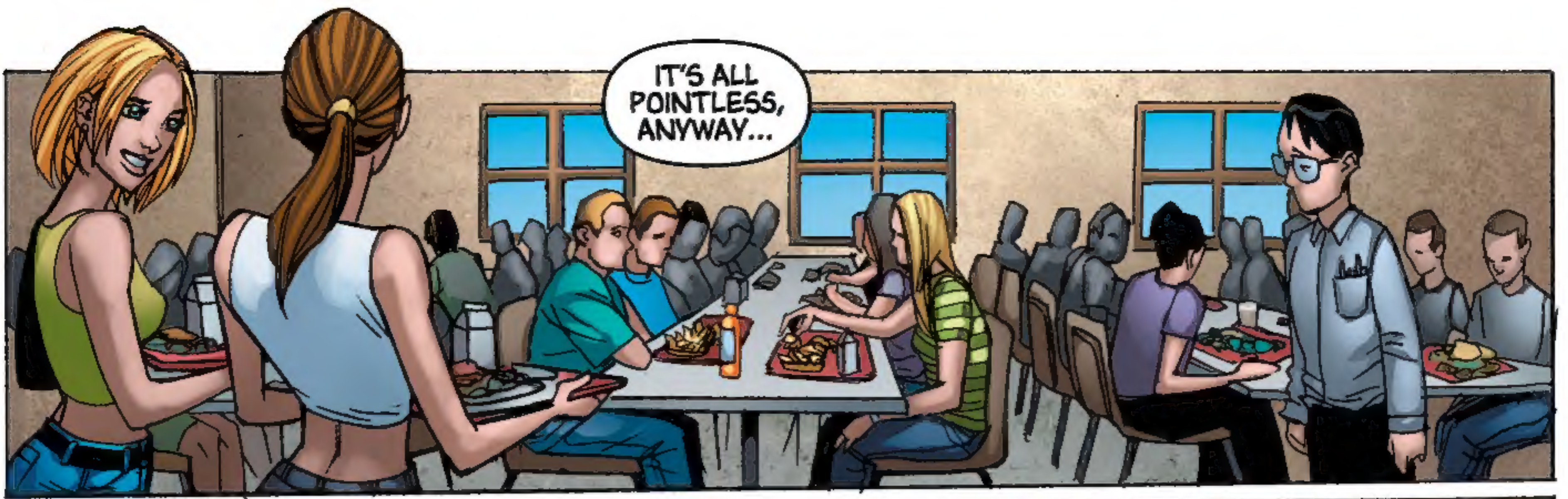
YEAH...

...I DID
THAT.



TOTAL BETTY,
HUH...?

WE'LL
SEE.



IT'S ALL
POINTLESS,
ANYWAY...



... THESE
STUPID SCHOOL
RITUALS. PEP
RALLIES.

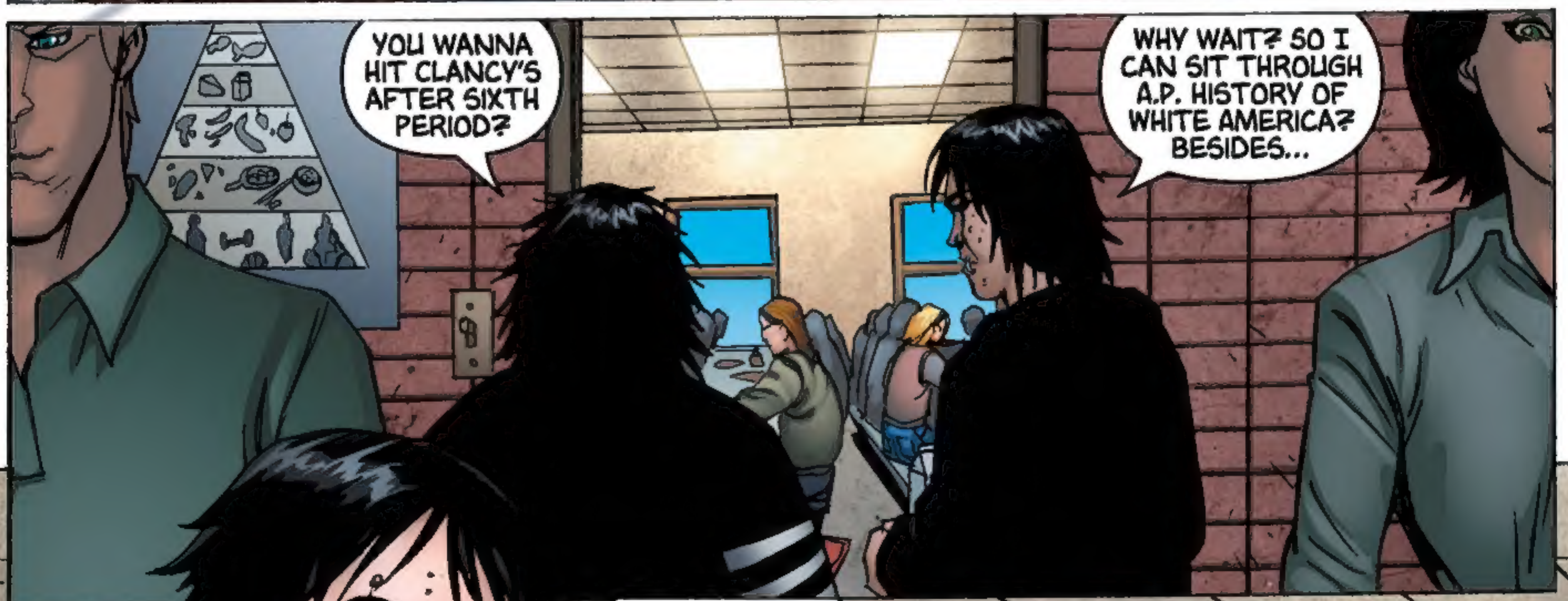
HOMECOMING
DANCES. LIKE
SHEEP LED TO THE
SLAUGHTER.

MY FRIEND, REN,
IS AS CLOSE AS
IT GETS WHEN
IT COMES TO
RELATABILITY.

HE GETS IT.



I TAKE COMFORT IN MY
FANTASY BLOODBATH
SCENARIOS. THE POWER
OF NEGATIVE THINKING...



YOU WANNA
HIT CLANCY'S
AFTER SIXTH
PERIOD?

WHY WAIT? SO I
CAN SIT THROUGH
A.P. HISTORY OF
WHITE AMERICA?
BESIDES...



... IT BEATS
HAVING TO WALK
THE LUNCHROOM
GAUNTLET YET
AGAIN.



IT'S LIKE THIS EVERY DAY. WE'RE THE LUNCHTIME *FREAKSHOW*...

WATCH
YER STEP,
BURNOUT--!

HUUHNN--!

YO...I
GIVE IT AN
EIGHT.

THANK YOU,
THANK YOU...
AS YOU CAN
SEE, I HAVE
MANY TALENTS
BOTH ON AND
OFF THE
FIELD...

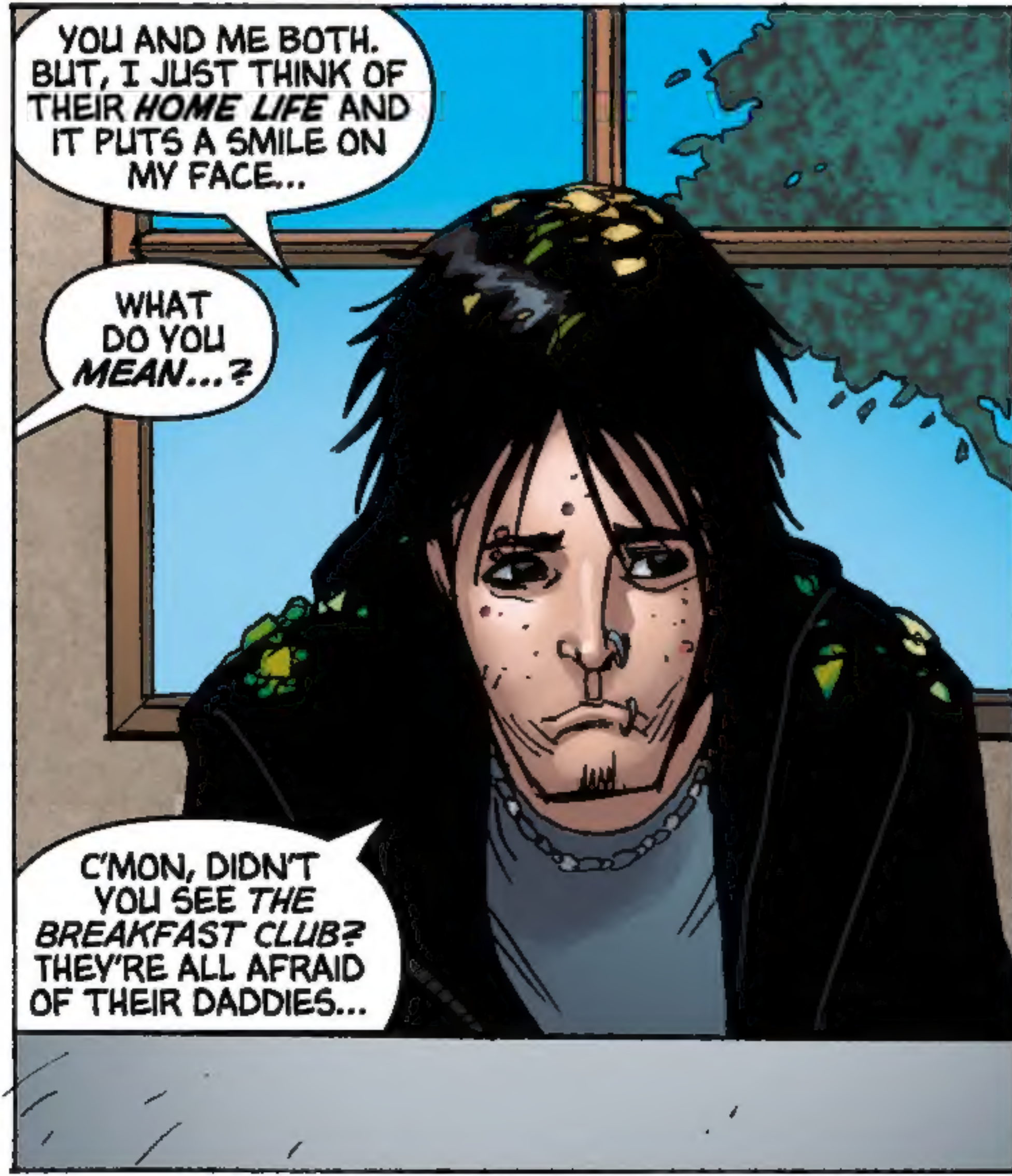
REN'S LEARNED
HOW TO *BLOCK*
OUT THE RAIN
OF INSULTS.
I HAVEN'T.



WELL, *THAT*
SLUCKED.

I KNEW IT'D
BEEN TOO LONG
SINCE I ENDURED
SOME *PHYSICAL*
ABUSE.

I REALLY
HATE THOSE
GUYS...



YOU AND ME BOTH.
BUT, I JUST THINK OF
THEIR *HOME LIFE* AND
IT PUTS A SMILE ON
MY FACE...

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...?

C'MON, DIDN'T
YOU SEE THE
BREAKFAST CLUB?
THEY'RE ALL AFRAID
OF THEIR DADDIES...



... THEY'RE SHAKIN' IN
THEIR CLEATS WHEN THEY
DON'T GET A TOUCHDOWN.
THAT MEANS AN
AUTOMATIC *BEATING*
AT HOME.

AT
LEAST...
THAT'S
WHAT *I'M*
HOPING...

*To Be
Continued...*